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City and County of San Francisco

BEVAN DUFTY

November 8, 2010

Sam Schuchat, Executive Director
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I am writing in support of The Trust for Public Land's (TPL's) application to the California State Coastal Conservancy for a grant from the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program, for the Glen Canyon Park Master Planning Project. TPL is working in close partnership with the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) on this proposed planning effort. The Master Plan, which will be prepared with extensive community participation, will include detailed recommendations for watershed and aquatic protection and enhancement, trail improvements, and recommended renovations and or rebuilding of the 1934 Recreation Center.

The 68.8-acre Glen Canyon Park is strategically and centrally located and offer key regional trail connections, environmental education, and recreational opportunities for the urban population of the city and county of San Francisco. The Park while well maintained by RPD, and supported by active Friends of Glen Canyon Park, is in dire need of attention and investment. The existing facilities are outdated and ADA non-compliant, the trails need better signage and improvements to reduce erosion and encourage park users to remain on the official trail network, and Islais Creek the most significant natural feature of the Park is in need of restoration. The waters of Islais Creek ultimately flow to the Bay so reduction in sediment loads in this stream will ultimately improve the health of this important watershed of the San Francisco Bay.

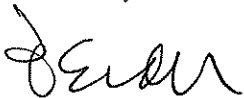
The master planning expertise of TPL's Parks for People program will, if funded, coordinate these efforts and present a clear path forward toward the conservation of an important coastal habitat with increased utility and recreational capability for the



people of San Francisco. The Glen Park Master Planning Project aligns with the Coastal Conservancy's mission to preserve, protect, and restore the resources of the California coast.

I strongly support funding for this Master Planning effort for Glen Canyon Park, so we set the stage properly for subsequent design, implementation and construction phases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bevan Dufty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bevan" being more prominent than the last name "Dufty".

BEVAN DUFTY

cc. Phil Ginsburg, Director, SFRPD
Jennifer Isacoff, Director, TPL's Bay Area Parks for People

Member, Board of Supervisors
District 7



City and County of San Francisco

SEAN R. ELSBERND

November 9, 2010

Sam Schuchat, Executive Director
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Glen Canyon Park Master Planning Project

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I would like to express my support for the Glen Canyon Park Master Planning Project and hope that you will give serious consideration to The Trust for Public Land's (TPL's) application for grant funding for this Project from your agency. Glen Canyon Park is the last remnant of natural wild lands left in the City of San Francisco. The 68.8 acre park's strategic location adjacent to several heavily populated neighborhoods means that it is well placed to provide key regional trail connections, improved public services, environmental education, and recreational opportunities for the urban populations of San Francisco County.

The San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (RPD), which owns and manages this Park, is partnering with TPL and with this funding will facilitate a community-based planning process to prepare this proposed Master Plan. The Plan, when complete, will contain detailed recommendations for much needed renovations and improvements to the Recreation Center and associated courts and fields, the trail network, and the riparian corridor along Islais Creek.

As you know the State Coastal Conservancy has previously (2002) provided funding to San Francisco RPD for the Park to improve a number of trails, install interpretive signs, identify and assess sensitive and invasive species, and conduct initial creek restoration projects. If funded, the Master Plan will build on this previous work and produce an achievable and fully supported Plan that will clearly identify implementation steps and appropriate measurable outcomes. The City is grateful for the Coastal Conservancy's prior support and I hope that you will see the value of providing additional funding and investment in the Glen Canyon Park Master Planning Project.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sean".

Sean R. Elsbernd
Supervisor, District 7
San Francisco Board of Supervisors

cc. Phil Ginsburg, Director, SFRPD
Jennifer Isacoff, Director San Francisco Bay Area Urban Program, TPL



The GLEN PARK ASSOCIATION

November 11, 2010

Sam Schuchat, Executive Director
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Glen Canyon Park Master Planning Project

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

The Glen Park Association (GPA) Board of Directors offers its enthusiastic support for The Trust for Public Land's (TPL) application to the Coastal Conservancy for grant funding for the Glen Canyon Park Master Plan Project. The Coastal Conservancy grant would supplement the Glen Canyon Park and Trails \$5.8 million plus \$900,000 funding from the City's 2008 bond.

Glen Canyon Park has incredible historical, ecological, and recreational value for residents throughout San Francisco, but much of it is in dire need of repair and restoration. This urban canyon is a true jewel of the City, with 60 acres of diverse biology and habitat with trails, educational displays, vista points, and a Recreation Center with many public programs available.

Glen Canyon Park offers a significant regional resource for nature education, passive and active recreational amenities, and is at the apex of several potential trail connections. Funding from the Coastal Conservancy would allow TPL to conduct a comprehensive community-based planning process, in partnership with the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department. The Plan will identify restoration opportunities along Islais Creek and its riparian and coastal scrub habitat; recommend improvements to the trail network to reduce erosion and improve trail signage; recommend necessary renovations or improvements to the Recreation Center, playground, and



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active areas, to meet ADA standards and improve public safety; and identify opportunities for additional and expanded nature education.

The GPA board considered this funding plan at our November 9, 2010 meeting, and unanimously approved a motion to support the TPL request. The GPA appreciates the conservancy's previous funding commitments to this park and strongly urges the additional investment in the future of the Park so that it can continue to serve as a significant recreation and natural resource.

The GPA is ready to work with neighborhood residents and other interested stakeholders to create a new vision for the preservation and enhancement of all parts of Glen Canyon Park

Sincerely,

Michael Rice
President

cc. Phil Ginsburg, General Manager, SFRPD
Jennifer Isacoff, Director San Francisco Bay Area Urban Program, TPL



Mayor Gavin Newsom
Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager

November 5, 2010

Sam Schuchat, Executive Director
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I urge you to join me in supporting the Glen Canyon Park Master Planning Project by awarding funding for the recent application made by the Trust for Public Land (TPL). The City and County of San Francisco has owned the nearly 69-acre Glen Canyon Park since 1922 and it is managed by the Recreation and Parks Department (RPD). The Park represents one of the city's most significant natural resource areas and it is an important watershed for the San Francisco Bay. One of the Park's most significant and endangered natural features is the free-flowing upstream and above ground portion of Islais Creek which weaves its way along the bottom of the canyon. The Glen Canyon Park Master Planning Project aims to protect and restore this important watershed of the San Francisco Bay, by restoring the stream corridor and decreasing sediment loading and erosion into Islais Creek.

The Park also contains a 76-year old Recreation Center; two tennis courts; two baseball/softball diamonds; a large sports meadow; a fenced in outdoor play ground; all highly used recreational facilities many of which are in critical condition and in need of repair and renovation. As the Park continues to enjoy increased use the need for this Plan becomes a more urgent priority due to increasing ecological and public safety concerns posing threats to the parks long term sustainability. The Master Plan will build on a previous grant to RPD from the Coastal Conservancy for Glen Canyon Park improvements and a Park Improvement Plan (PIP), which was started but not completed. With funding from the Coastal Conservancy, TPL and RPD propose to build on the 2003 PIP and initiate a fresh and comprehensive community planning approach that will result in a Plan fully supported by park users and neighbors.

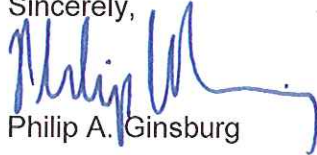
TPL and RPD have a history of successful collaboration on other park planning and development projects in the city. Over the course of a year TPL proposes to prepare this



Exhibit 3: Project Letters

Master Plan with extensive community and stakeholder input. When complete, the Plan will contain detailed recommendations for much needed renovations and improvements to the Recreation Center and associated courts and fields, the trail network, and the riparian corridor along Islais Creek. RPD has already committed \$900,000 through its Trail Bonds toward the construction of these trails. Thank you for considering this funding application and I hope that the Coastal Conservancy will invest in a sustainable future for Glen Canyon Park.

Sincerely,



Philip A. Ginsburg
General Manager

cc. Jennifer Isacoff, Director, TPL's Bay Area Parks for People